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Applicant : Jeffery Skolnick *et al.* Art Unit : 1618
Serial No. : 09/322,067 Examiner : T. McCarthy III.
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated November 8, 1999, be extended for two months to and including February 8, 2000.

Enclosed is a check for \$380 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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